



# Information Technology Department

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TO: Members of the Legislative IT Committee  
Legislative Council  
RE: Large Project Summary Report

Greetings,

Attached to this cover letter is the Large Project Summary Report for the period ending March 31, 2006.

3 projects were reported in the planning stage this quarter.

- Department of Human Services – Medicaid Systems Project – Phase II
- Legislative Assembly – Application Replacement Study
- Secretary of State – Central Voter File

No projects moved into the execution phase this quarter.

1 project was removed from oversight this quarter.

- ITD - IT Service Management Toolset

1 project was terminated this quarter

- ND Highway Patrol - HP Case/Records Management System and In-vehicle Report Writing (HPCRMS)

Four projects were reported complete.

Agency	Project	Budget	Schedule
DOCR	iTAG	Under Budget	On Schedule
DOT	CVISN	Under Budget	Within Variance
ITD	Second Data Center	Within Variance	Within Variance
RIO	TFFR Retirement Pension Fund	Under Budget	Over Schedule Variance

The following 3 projects have been completed and have post-implementation reports which are under review or overdue.

- OMB/NDUS – Connect ND
  - Incomplete – Portions Under Review
- BND – Core Banking
  - Extension Granted
- DOCR – iTAG
  - Extension Granted

The following 1 project reported budget or schedule variances.

- DOH-WICnet – A new end date has been set at June 30. If the project goes over this date, it will exceed the 20% variance.

The following project reported a major scope change.

- JSND-Herakles – As Job Service North Dakota neared the critical milestone of releasing an RFP for the systems development, it was appropriate for the agency to review the project for the purpose of making a decision regarding the project direction. Information gathered for the decision included, but was not limited to: the project business case, the situational and other factors that may affect the project business case, and the options for the project direction.



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As a result of the review, the project's Core Team and Executive Steering Committee both determined the appropriate direction for the project was to maintain, enhance, and upgrade the current system. An RFP for the full system development will not be released. The basis for the change in direction includes:

- Continued support of the base system technology by the vendor.
- The ability to retrain current programming staff to the base system technology.
- The investments made to date in UI related technology (e.g. internet applications, workflow and imaging applications, etc.)
- The ability to move the system to a server platform which can be supported by the Information Technology Department (ITD).
- The ability to partner with ITD for programming services.
- The lack of modernized systems in production.
- The failure rate of other states that have attempted UI Modernization efforts.
- Upgrading in increments poses less risk.
- This option is the most fiscally responsible.

The change in project direction was recommended to the Governor's office. Bill Goetz, Chief of Staff, concurred with the agencies findings.

Please refer to the report for more information about each project, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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